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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6505**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1241

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 29, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Arson Division Service Weapons at Retirement.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Cherry

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill allows a retiring member of the Arson Division of the Office of the State Fire Marshal to retain the member's service weapon. It requires the Office to issue the retiring member a badge and an identification card.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2004.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** When a member of the Arson Division retires after at least 20 years of service, the office must:

- (1) Allow the member to retain the service weapon the office issued to the member.
- (2) Issue the member a badge that indicates the member is a retired member of the Arson Division of the Office of the State Fire Marshal.
- (3) Issue the member an identification card that contains the name of the office and the division; the name of the member; the member's position title; the fact that the member is retired; and that the member is authorized to retain the service weapon issued by the office.

As of November 2003, the Arson Division had two staff who maintained over 20 years of service. Members are issued two handguns and a shotgun, but the 40 Glock, which costs about \$400, is considered to be the service weapon. The division has about ten arson investigators. The overall fiscal impact is not expected to be significant.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Office of the State Fire Marshal.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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